Number of IAF Aircraft crashed

734. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IAF Aircraft which crashed during 1989 till date;

(b) what is the number of lives lost; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to prevent this increasing trend of crashing of Defence Aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHITAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) It would not be in public interest to disclose this information.

(c) There has been no increasing trend in the number of accidents involving IAF aircraft. Each accident is thoroughly investigated by a Court of Inquiry comprising specialists from the IAF, Ministry of Defence and the manufacturers. Besides, whenever a particular trend or a week area is noticed, special studies ae conducted to carry out in depth analysis. Based on the recommendations made by the Court of Inquiry, necessary follow-up action, wherever called for, is taken.

Psychotherapeutic drugs

735. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee had sought the advice of his ministry in regard to Psychotherapeutic drugs;

(b) if so, when and what are the points raised by Kelkar Committee in this regard;

(c) what are the names of drugs being marketed in the country as Psychotherapeutic drugs;

(d) the number of these drugs being imported in the country and what was the import of each during last three years, year-wise alongwith CIF value of each during each year; and

(e) what are the details of advice given on these drugs and what are the grounds on which such advice was based?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Drugs used for a symptomatic relief of Psychosomatic disease marketed in the country include Chlordiazepoxide, Chlorpromazine, Diazepam, Lorazepam, Promazine, Thioridazine, Trifluoperazine, Amitriphyline, Haloperiodol, Imipramine, Nortriphyline and Trimipramine etc.

(d) Information available with this Ministry is given at Annexure [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 36].

(e) Advice was not rendered on individual drugs by the Ministry of Health and F.W. The Ministry of Health and F.W. had requested the Deptt. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals to consider the exclusion of Diazopam and other transquillisers. The request was based on the opinion of the Director General of Health Services that Psychosomatic disease are not so much prevalent in the country and therefore drugs for symptomatic relief of the Psychosomatic disease may not be a priority from the price control angle.

Import of Amitriptyline

736. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Amitriptyline is being imported in the country; if so, the quantity imported during the last three years, year-wise, the average CIF price and source of import during